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For: Methods and Apparatus)
for Transpericardial Left)
Atrial Appendage Closure)

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26. (Amended) A kit comprising:

a closure device; and

instructions for use setting forth a method comprising: [as in claim 1.]

positioning a closure instrument through a percutaneous passage into a
pericardial space beneath the rib cage, over an epicardial surface, and adjacent to the left atrial
appendage, without passing through the pleural space; and

closing the left atrial appendage using the closure instrument.